

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 702

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Head Coach George Quarles and the 2009 Maryville High School football team.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those student athletes who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true sportsmen of whom all can be proud; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 2009 Maryville High School football team have proven themselves to be the ablest of competitors and, as such, deserving of the highest regard; and

WHEREAS, over the course of the last decade, the Maryville Rebels have dominated the high school football ranks and counted among its members some of the most talented young athletes Tennessee has ever produced; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of legendary Head Coach George Quarles, the 2009 team propelled itself to the first-ever Class 6A state championship game in the BlueCross Bowl, held December 5, 2009, at Tennessee Technological University's Tucker Stadium in Cookeville, taking from that contest the state runner-up trophy for its considerable efforts; and

WHEREAS, Maryville senior quarterback Philip Juhlin, who finished the bowl game with eighty-one yards rushing, 282 yards through the air, and one touchdown strike, demonstrated an indomitable will and remarkable courage throughout the 2009 season, contributing greatly to the team's success; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 Maryville High School football team achieved an extraordinary level of success during their first-ever season in Class 6A football, establishing a record of thirteen wins and only two losses, and delivering Coach Quarles the 150<sup>th</sup> victory of his career; and

WHEREAS, the leadership and passion for the game of Head Coach George Quarles, are without peer; Coach Quarles's precepts of playing tenacious defense, controlling the ball on offense, and limiting mistakes, were perfectly on display during the Rebels' season; and

WHEREAS, the Maryville High School football team, in both victory and defeat, has displayed the tenacity, camaraderie, and skill befitting one of the State's finest athletic teams; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the 2009 Maryville High School football team, not only for the team's many wins but for the player's peerless sportsmanship and the joy they have brought to their fellow students and the people of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Head Coach George Quarles and the 2009 Maryville High School football team for their heralded success on the football gridiron and extend to them our best wishes for future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.